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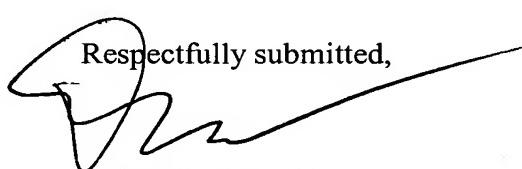
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
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		6,502,607	Jan. 7, 2003	Brown et al.		
		6,408,867	Jun. 25, 2002	Aoki et al.		
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**TRANSLATION**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO	
								Abstract	X
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**OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

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